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SUBJECT: MBFR: OPTION III: TIMING AND REMAINING
ISSUES

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1. WE MET WITH DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH AND RUTH
ON NOVEMBER 24 TO CONVEY THE US POSITION ON TIMING AND
REMAINING ISSUES CONTAINED REFTEL. WE STRESSED WITH
ROTH THAT THE US HAD MOVED SUBSTANTIALLY TOWARD THE
FRG POSITION ON THESE ISSUES AND WE ASKED FOR FRG
COOPERATION IN FACILITATING NATO APPROVAL OF
OPTION III WITHOUT DELAY.

2. THE REACTION OF BOTH ROTH AND RUTH TO THE US
INITIATIVE WAS FAVORABLE. THEY INDICATED THAT THE
US POSITION WOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY STUDIED.

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3. DURING THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION, AMBASSADOR ROTH MADE THE POINT THAT IF THE AHG REQUIRED FURTHER GUIDANCE, IT SHOULD BE DRAWN FROM THE POSITION PAPER. ACCORDINGLY, THE FRG WILL PROBABLY PROPOSE LANGUAGE FOR INCLUSION IN EITHER PARA 1 OR 2 OF THE POSITION PAPER THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN SHOULD BE USED BY WESTERN NEGOTIATORS IN RESPONDING TO SOVIET QUESTIONS UPON AUTHORIZATION BY THE NAC. IN THIS CONNECTION, ROTH EMPHASIZED THERE WOULD BE NOTHING AUTOMATIC ABOUT THE USE OF THE INFORMATION IN THE POSITION PAPER. SUCH INFORMATION WOULD BE CONVEYED TO THE EAST ONLY WHEN PRESSED AND ONLY WHEN THE WESTERN NEGOTIATORS ARE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED TO DO SO BY THE NAC. ROTH SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE ALLIANCE TO BE ABLE TO DRAW ON THE POSITION PAPER IF THE AHG REQUESTS FURTHER GUIDANCE AS A RESULT OF THE EASTERN REACTION TO THE OPTION III PROPOSAL. ROTH CONTINUED THAT, IN SUCH A CASE, IT SHOULD NOT BE NECESSARY FOR THE NAC TO HAVE TO GO BACK TO SQUARE ONE TO FORMULATE AN ALLIANCE POSITION.

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